

My name is Jerry Brabant. I am a VietNam Veteran who adamantly supports John Kerry. It took a lot of nerve to come back from that war and tell people the truth. The same truth our government knew and withheld from the American people. If Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is acceptable, then they should be compelled to put knowledgeable VietNam Veterans on at the same time to discount this blatant attempt to sway voters. Make them air Up The River at the same time. That war was deeply divisive for this country and nothing short of balanced coverage is acceptable. As you know, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.  
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